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FREE HUEY'
INSIDE THE COURTROOM

By John Spitzer
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SAN FRANCISCO (LNS) -- If the courts of law were still where it was at, the latest hearing in the Huey Newton case could serve as a model of American jurisprudence.

Seventeen floors up, in San Francisco's United States Federal Building, Judge Alfonso Zirpoli listens with interest and attention as the State of California and Huey's lawyers argue whether or not Huey P. Newton should be released from the state penitentiary pending his appeal.

Zirpoli, a humorist and a highly intelligent man, is being particularly careful in the case because he knows that there is a Constitutional issue involved:

Do the Federal courts have the power to insist on the basis of the 8th and the 14th amendments that a state grant appeal bond, even after state courts have refused bail in a special hearing?

But outside and 17 stories down, a crowd of 5,000, more than half of it black, has massed on the steps of the Federal Building to demand that the state set their leader free.

"Free Huey!" shouts the Black Panther at the microphone. "Free Huey!" answers the crowd. And hundreds of red books held in black fists shoot up into the air. Out on the steps there is no Constitutional issue; there is the makings of a struggle for black liberation.

Back up on the 17th floor, Fay Stender, Charles Garry's chief aide-de-camp in the Newton case, rises to present the case for the plaintiff. There are three criteria, she says to Zirpoli, that a court uses in setting an appeal bond: 1) Will the prisoner appear for his trial? 2) Is the appeal serious and well-founded? 3) Can the prisoner be considered a menace to the community?

State Judge Milton Friedman, who convicted Huey and then refused him bail, did not even consider the first two criteria in Huey's case.

And when he applied the third, he was operating out of motives of racism and fear.

If the state maintained that Huey's prior conviction (two misdemeanors and one felony) are cause for denying bail, Fay argues, then the Federal court should hold "evidentiary hearings" to determine whether these offenses were really of such a nature as to make Huey a menace to society. In conclusion, Mrs. Stender cites a whole string of previous cases which are intended to convince Judge Zirpoli that he really does have jurisdiction in this case.

Judge Zirpoli takes the greatest interest in what Fay has just said. Has she studied the Rehman case? he asks. How does she interpret it? How does she explain Justice Douglas' recent opinion that the Supreme Court should not hear another bail case similar to Huey's. He listens to Fay's answers, his brow knits, his chin set in his hands. Fay takes her seat again. Let's hear what the State of California has to say for itself.

Albert Harris, Assistant Attorney General for the State of California, is a paunchy sort of a man with a red face and a violet tie.

"We contend that there is no Federal Constitutional right to bail," Harris states.

Judge Zirpoli frowns.

Harris quickly takes a new line of attack: "Newton's comrade, Leroy Eldridge Cleaver had bail set by the court..."

Another false start. "We're not going to impute Mr. Newton's character from Mr. Cleaver's actions," says Judge Zirpoli.

With each false start, Harris' face gets redder and his manner more apologetic.

"Huey Newton's whole record reeks of his propensity to violence..."

Now he has hit his stride. Harris goes over each of Huey's conviction prior to the manslaughter conviction, painting incidents of violence with loving care.

"The trait judge," says Harris, in reference to Judge Friedman, "should quite properly conclude that enough is enough."

Harris is no longer talking United States

Constitutional Law; he is talking repression.

"It's a question," he says, "of the belief of the public that laws can be enforced and that they mean something." His face red as blood, Harris rests his argument.

Charles Garry stands up to speak once more for Huey. Garry, the hottest lawyer on the American left, has spent the last days in the hospital for a gall bladder operation. He is tired and drawn, but his illness has not taken the edge off his tongue.

Red-Face Harris is first in line for his attacks: "He doesn't care anything about the people on the receiving end of justice," Garry tells Zirpoli. "I've seen this in his private approach as well as in court."

And Judge Milton Friedman does not fare much better: "All he wanted," says Garry, "was to get Huey P. Newton out of the way so that the white establishment in Alameda County could breathe easy."

Alfonso Zirpoli listens attentively, his head cupped again in his hand, as the great advocate of the Left pours vituperations on the legal system and its representatives. As for the State's contention that Huey is a menace to the community, Garry continues, the exact opposite is the case.

"Huey Newton is a force of peace and quiet in the community. He has taught the black community to understand its historical role and to combat racism without hooliganism."

Zirpoli looks up; maybe there is something more involved here. More, even, than the Constitution of the United States of America.

Seventeen floors down, black school kids, bored with the second solid hour of speeches, tired even of waving their red books at an impassive Federal building, pour through the plaza and across the street. A shop window breaks, a dress disappears. Suddenly, from the rally across the street, Black Panther monitors appear on the street. "Put that down!" "Start moving!" "That's nothing but counter revolutionary bullshit, breaking windows!" In the space of a minute, peace and quiet are restored.

On the seventeenth floor, Assistant Attorney General Harris asks for a continuance to answer new material which the defense has presented.

The request is granted; in fact, Judge Zirpoli seems happy for the extra time.

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FREE HUEY!

OUTSIDE THE COURTROOM

By Dan McCauslin
LIBERATION News Service

SAN FRANCISCO (LNS) -- For four hours, through 20 speeches, they marched, chanted and waved little red books. San Francisco's "mother rally" for the nation's Free Huey May Day demonstrations drew a young, mixed crowd of about 5,000 to an inconclusive vigil on the fountains in front of the Federal building.

With Bobby Seale, they sang, chanted, prayed, promised, and swore their new secular litany:

"We Love Eldridge. We Love Huey. We Love the People. I am a Revolutionary. I AM A REVOLUTIONARY!"

Kathleen Cleaver, David Hilliard, Tom Hayden, and representatives for Bay Area Brown Berets, Red Guards, Third World Liberation, Yippie, Women's Liberation, Legal and Medical Committees -- all ended their speeches with "Free Huey!" chants amplified 5,000 times against the flat plate glass of the Federal Building.

The man with the news they wanted came to speak about 1 p.m. Charles Garry, pale from a week in the hospital, brought news from the hearing inside. "The Judge has heard our arguments and will have a decision in a few days."

But, if the decision is the one thousands across the nation chanted for, it will be an accident. If Liberal Judge Zirpoli sets Huey free, he will be a legal freak in a Federal judicial system just loading up for the Panther hunt.

In the same San Francisco Federal Building, U.S. Attorney Cecil Poole and his Washington staff began the second day of a secret Grand

Jury farce designed to grind out a series of Federal sedition indictments against the Panthers. Six Panthers subpoenaed from chapters across the nation are scheduled to appear before the Jury.

One of two questioned yesterday without counsel was Tommy Jones of Oakland, expelled from the Party in January as an agent provocateur.

So it's all set up. Panthers will soon be indicted for "Advocating the Violent Overthrow of the United States Government" -- the rankest of red herrings. It was most flagrantly used against the members of the American Communist Party after World War II, and now, unsatisfied with the heavy harassment of Panthers being done by local police and politicians, Nixon is taking the old "violent overthrow" law out of moth balls to go after the Panthers nationally.

What's being done? Liberal defense fronts are already forming here. They are outraged over the tactical squad tear gas raid earlier this week on the Panther headquarters. And the Panthers can count on street support from their own community and the white radicals.

But outraged liberals and street mobilization haven't ended the Vietnam war -- and they're not going to keep Panthers out of jail.

The Panthers have another view: "The Revolution has come; it's time to pick up the gun!"

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FREE HUEY!

ANGELINOS CONFRONT SOUR PIGS

By Barbara Campbell
LIBERATION News Service

LOS ANGELES (LNS) -- "All the so-called law abiding Christians that know the Ten Commandments by heart support the genocide of blacks and the murder of Vietnamese. Instead of the Ten Commandments, we're going to hit them through the Panthers Ten Points." Thus spoke Masai, of the Black Panther Party.

In a grim, tension-filled atmosphere, accurately reflected by a gray overcast sky, over 1000 people demonstrated in front of the Los Angeles Federal Building at 10 AM, May 1, demanding that Huey be set free. Demonstrators,

50% of them white, paraded back and forth, banners flying, shouting "Free Huey" and "Off the Pigs" taking care to scrupulously avoid the sour uptight pigs lined up in the middle of the sidewalk.

This was distinguished from the many other Federal Building demonstrations by the seriousness of the people there and the discipline that the Panthers were able to enforce. The fact was that nobody knew for sure if the pigs were going to come down.

Although there were relatively few cops on the street -- maybe 25 -- the place was an armed camp; police cars were everywhere, parked in packs of two or three, and cruising a 3 or 4 block radius around the Federal Building.

LA's left community was well represented on the march and on the speakers' platform. Adding a note of proletarian internationalism were the Red Guards, who chanted in unison from the Red Book. Speakers included Donald Freed, Friends of the Panthers, Socialist Workers Party, Students for a Democratic Society, Communist Party, and the Women's Liberation Front.

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FREE HUEY!

NEW YORKERS IN FOLEY SQUARE

NEW YORK (LNS) -- Two hundred Black Panthers lined up in front of the U.S. Court House on Foley Square to celebrate May Day by demanding the release of Huey Newton and all black political prisoners.

Pigs on horseback patrolled the street between the Panthers and three hundred white supporters, who were kept behind barricades.

At least one cop stood in front of every pillar of the courthouse as the Panthers chanted: "Who's gonna survive in America? Very few Negroes, no pigs at all! Pig Pig Pig Pig Whoa-oh, I say you gotta go oink oink bang bang!"

After two hours at Foley Square, the Panthers spread out to various prisons in the city where brothers are being held. A detachment of Panthers and white supporters went across the street for a silent vigil. Later, in the subway, cops picked off five brothers on their way home.

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FEDS AGAINST ABM

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) -- More dissent within the ranks. A group of 250 activists, called Federal Employees for a Democratic Society (FEDS), is mounting a drive against the ABM. The group is gathering names on a petition to Congress, and has scheduled a rally.

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RADIO FREE PEOPLE

BROOKLYN, N.Y. (LNS) -- Radio Free People, the movement audio agency, has a new catalog available. The latest RFP tapes - available for sale only -- include Diane DiPrima reading her "revolutionary letters" poetry, a speech by Seymour Hersh on chemical and biological warfare, and a discussion by members of the pacifist-anarchist Living Theatre. For free copies of the list of tapes, write to Radio Free People, 160 Prospect Pl., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11283.

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RIOTS RUIN COLLEGE SHOW BIZ

NEW YORK (LNS) -- That was the banner headline this week in Variety, trade paper for the entertainment and media industry.

College confrontations, it seems, are greatly worrying talent agents who book for the Campus Circuit. The number of school dates normally booked has dwindled considerably for next season.

Comments Variety, "The agents have no experience in this kind of situation. Until this year, the colleges presented the quiet academic atmosphere broken only by the happy sounds of the electronic instruments and the cash register. There is also some fear that after the rioting blows over, a different atmosphere will pervade the campuses. The collegiates who once sought entertainment may find these pursuits pretty tame in the future."

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"Someday...it will not be Jefferson Davis whose name is memorialized in a vast interstate highway -- but Frederick Douglass and W.E.B. DuBois." (H. Aptheker, in SOUL OF THE REPUBLIC)

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON SPEAKS ON THE WAR ON POVERTY

"We had plenty of disappointments --and God knows we made mistakes, because we were in new territory. We trusted some people who did not deserve that trust. Trying to reach delinquents among the poor, a few Community Action Programs found themselves subsidizing delinquency. A few others discovered that they were supporting nihilists in the name of self-expression... .

"Not all of our poverty programs were running smoothly when I left office....But our people should not become disillusioned with temporary setbacks..." CHOICES WE FACE

PAPAL PUT - DOWN

VATICAN CITY (LNS) -- The Papal Newspaper has put down radical priests much the way that liberal newspapers have criticized student revolutionaries.

Catholic troublemaking priests were criticized for their lack of spiritual depth, Osservatore Romano wrote. "The explanation of these instances of open or de facto defections lies in the shallowness of men's roots," the daily said in criticizing priests who leave the church or defy the existing hierarchy.

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WARNING TO TELEVISION FREAKS

WASHINGTON (LNS) -- Don't be surprised if while sitting around stoned watching television you are confronted with some idiot on the screen telling you the nature of drugs.

The ever-protective government of this country has announced it is launching a nationwide radio and television campaign to help people resist pressure to try drugs.

This propaganda bullshit will filter through in the form of "public service" messages, which National Institute of Mental Health's Gerald N. Krutz said were prepared on a nonprofit basis by a national advertising agency.

Kurtz said, "Our primary aim is to arm young people and their parents with the facts to help them resist pressures to experiment with drugs--marijuana and LSD."

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DEMONSTRATIONS BANNED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM (LNS) -- The Israeli Ministry of Police has banned all unauthorized demonstrations in Israel and occupied Jordan, according to a report in Le Monde.

Elytayu Sasson, police minister, declared in a radio interview that the measure was necessitated by the recent wave of demonstrations by Arab women; the demonstrators refused to disperse on police orders.

An all-out ban on demonstrations is, of course, the logical thing to have when demonstrators refuse to stop demonstrating on their own initiative.

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'A CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY'

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) -- South Africa's latest move in its campaign to pawn itself off as a respectable, liberal member of the world community is its new air link with the United States.

The inauguration of South African Airway's service was greeted in New York by angry anti-apartheid demonstrators at JFK airport. But the protestors did not deter two Washington bankers, and the wife of one of them, from making an air trip to the heart of apartheid.

When they got back, they were invited to meet Rep. Charles Biggs, a black congressman who is chairman of the House Africa subcommittee. The Johannesburg Star reported on the meeting.

The Star credited the wife, Mrs. Corea, with being the most "forthright" of the guests. She claimed that South Africans look "happier" than Americans. 'You don't see hate and resentment on their faces. It is a clean and beautiful country, and I don't see any racial nastiness there.'

A black reporter at the discussion in Washington asked her if she had spoken with "non-white" South Africans.

"We were told we could ask anyone anything, but I didn't want to pry," she said.

The tourists spent six days inside the

racist stronghold; Mrs. Corea learned in those six days that "The majority of South Africans like the system the way it is."

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IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED...

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) -- At a time when the Nixon Administration is acknowledging the failure of the Alliance for Progress, the ever-generous Vatican has decided to come across with a million dollars worth of aid to Latin America.

The money will be given to the Intraamerican Development Bank for use in agrarian reform programs in Colombia--in much the same way the unsuccessful Alliance tried to "aid" local programs through various agencies and corrupt local governments.

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GRASSPLANTER URGES GRASS PLANTING

NEW YORK (LNS) -- A man named Ed Grassplanter has launched a campaign to urge hundreds of thousands of pot-smoking Americans to plant their own.

"Spring planting time is here," Grassplanter says. "The hundreds of seeds in every ounce are given to us by nature for one purpose: to plant so that the earth may bring forth grass in abundance for all of God's children."

Grassplanter urges the "guerrilla" tactic--sowing seeds in a public place, such as vacant lots, flower boxes in front of banks, parks, and gardens around public monuments. He suggests sowing in small patches.

Grass can also be grown in a milk case on a fire escape or rooftop--four plants per milk case is fine, Grassplanter says.

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ON COMMUNISTS

"There is a sneer behind their every smile and a vicious lie in their every promise of Utopia. If the land whose banners they carry is Utopia, then let them go there and enjoy it! America is good enough for us and we do not want it tainted by the poisons of foreignisms."

--J. Edgar Hoover in an address to Drake University in Iowa, June 3, 1940

FRATERNITY PATERNITY

TUSCON, Ariz. (LNS) -- You've seen those ads that ask you to "adopt" a small child in a poor, underdeveloped country. Well, some fraternity boys here in Arizona decided to act. The Kappa Sigma fraternity at Northern Arizona University have adopted a 13-year-old boy from Taipei, Taiwan (Nationalist China). The boy, Hseuh Chun-jen, will get a generous \$12 monthly stipend from the fraternity. Speaking of ads, there are also those paid for by the Chiang Kai-shek government extolling the boom economy of Taiwan. If the economy is so great, why do they have to promote their children for "adoption?"

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DEBRAY TREATED SEVERELY

LA PAZ (LNS) -- Regis Debray, who was captured along with a band of Bolivian guerrillas in April, 1967, is being treated more severely than most other political prisoners as he serves out his thirty year term, according to a report in Le Monde.

Debray has always claimed that he never participated in the actual military operations of the guerrillas, and that he was only a journalist in "intellectual solidarity" with them. Nevertheless, the Bolivians are treating him like a dangerous ex-guerrilla fighter.

His wife, whom he recently married, is permitted to visit him infrequently, and then only for a half hour at a time. His letters are censored, he cannot receive any political material, and he is forbidden to send his own manuscripts to his editor. His wife and others who have seen him recently are worried about the state of his health.

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ISRAELI POLL GOES RIGHT

TEL AVIV (LNS) -- An election held at the end of March by the Israeli civil servants' union, which is considered an indicator of general Israeli political feelings, showed a significant decline of support for the left.

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wing Labor and Mapai parties.

The leftist coalition received only 52.2% of the vote this time around; in the preceding election, held a year and a half before, the left-wing parties garnered more than 70%. The voters who turned away from the left in the March election voted instead for a coalition of two right-wing parties, according to a report in Le Monde.

Supporters of the militaristic Moshe Dayan faction did not participate in the election.

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GOLDEN SCHOOL DAYS

QUITO, Ecuador (LNS) -- Ecuadorian President Jose Velasco, an interesting study in old-fashioned Latin American political corruption, is a disorganized dictator who believes in pomp and showpieces, and also happens to be critical of the armed forces. That one liberal quirk does not prevent him from engaging in interesting deceptions aimed at giving the people a false impression of "social action."

Now in his fifth term as President, Velasco was deposed from office three times in his four previous administrations by recalcitrant army officers. This time around, however, he is busy visiting army bases and decorating their officers.

He is also busy with the construction and "inauguration," or setting up in operation, of schools.

Shades of Fidel and his education campaign? Not exactly.

Last week, beset by budget problems, he had his wife visit the site of a yet-unbuilt school in order to lay its cornerstone ceremoniously. The very next day, President Velasco visited the same school to celebrate its "inauguration."

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) -- Adding Vitamin D to milk, iodine to salt, or enriching substances to flour costs the food industry next to nothing. Such additions are invaluable for proper nutrition. But food manufacturers in the more

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past twenty years have taken to charging higher prices for foods containing the nutrients, and it is the poor who pay the price -- with their health.

In order to save on food purchases poor people tend to buy the cheaper uniodized salt, unfortified milk and unenriched flour. The result is goiter and rickets, malnutrition diseases increasingly found among the poor.

The Public Health Service physician who made a study revealing these facts attributed this to a "certain slackness" by producers; when asked why the federal government doesn't enforce enrichment of foods, he laughed and said, "Then we'd be getting down to civil rights."

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STUDENTS AND SUICIDE

CHICAGO (LNS) -- A Harvard psychiatrist claims that suicide is the second most important cause of death among high school and college students. Only automobile accidents surpass it among students in the 15-24 age bracket.

Dr. Matthew Ross, associate professor of psychiatry, has managed to find one unifying feature in the lives of students which might have driven them to take their own lives -- "some kind of social isolation, most often a disorganized home or a breakdown of family structure."

The professor mentioned nothing about over-organized and repressive high schools and colleges, the student's lack of desire or ability to achieve the empty middle-class standards of social and academic success which are imposed on him.

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FREEDOM, APARTHEID STYLE

CAPETOWN (LNS) -- The rulers of South Africa have finally decided to "release" the man who led a demonstration in Sharpeville in 1960 which ended with white cops killing almost 100 Africans -- the famous "Sharpeville Massacre."

Robert Sobukwe was arrested and convicted

of inciting to riot following the protest against laws requiring that all Africans carry special passes with them at all times.

He was sentenced to three years. In 1963, when he should have been released, the South African government invented a new law, so far applicable only to Mr. Sobukwe, which lets them detain anyone indefinitely whose politics might be construed as furthering the aims of communism. He has thus been detained for the past six years.

Sobukwe, a former president of the Pan Africanist Congress (one of several anti-apartheid mass organizations) will be allowed to leave the maximum security prison on an island six miles off shore, but he will still be shackled inside the prison on the mainland which is, actually, the whole of South Africa.

Like thousands of other political activists, white and black, he will be banned from engaging in any political activity, from travelling, from having his statements published in the press, and from attending public meetings. The white secret police will keep an eye on him indefinitely.

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THE PUEBLO AND THE LAW

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) -- The seizure of the Pueblo and the shooting down of spy planes may be justified under International Law, according to specialists attending a meeting of the American Society of International Law.

William E. Butler, a research associate of the Harvard Law School, suggested "the established law of the seas has been outmoded by the advent of electronic intelligence." He noted that the latest electronic gear could "penetrate to the heart of a country's inland defenses."

Meanwhile, former Secretary of Defense Clark Clifford had another point of view. "Intelligence gathering," he said, "is an aid toward peace and not a hindrance toward peace."

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THUS SPOKE THE EX-PRESIDENT

"Contrary to an impression given by recent demonstrators, the federal government has not the slightest inclination to defy or stifle dissent."

Summer's coming and everyone is thinking about a possible get together of the "underground" media.

Marvin Garson of the San Francisco Good Times (formerly the S F Express Times) has the following suggestions for a conference:

- 1) Let's all skip an issue of our paper. It will be like taking a deep breath.
- 2) Let's have it in Colorado. Beautiful country, clean air, lots of space.
- 3) Let's make it a Take Care of Business type of meeting, problems of national distribution, national advertising, national news, national hookups, national photo agency, etc. Ideology can creep in--as can sex, music, dope and anything else that wants to.
- 4) Let's meet in a big tent instead of in an auditorium.
- 5) Let's use mimeographs instead of microphones. Good electric mimeos, a Gestafax for making electric stencils, typewriters, drawing boards, layout materials, whenever you have a bright idea you lay out a leaflet on the spot and ten minutes later you're handing it out. People will go home with gorgeous collections of leaflets that could constitute a big chunk of the next issue they put out--a fine, easy way of letting readers know what the conference was like.
- 6) Let's get the Gestetner Company to provide the equipment. One of us is hip enough to talk them into setting up a demonstration exhibit for us to use. While we're at it, why not talk to IBM and AT&T? IBM happens to be very eager to sell its new typesetting system even to us hairy dope freaks. It's a fine system. (Take a look at the Guardian, they use it.) BUT it's very expensive. We can save money by sharing a single computer and feeding data in and out of it over telephone lines. Can we use Telex? Let's have a man from the company tell us about it. What about national advertising? Let's have men from the ad agencies there so we can deal with them all together right on the spot. DON'T BE AFRAID. WE'RE A LOT HEAVIER THAN THOSE DUDES.

If that sounds good to you, say so and let's start setting it up. It's really not hard.

P.S. If for any reason you want to print this in your paper, go ahead.

And, more on the same, from the MFP, a Colorado paper.

"Any people who are interested in a conference to be held at the festival site, write the MFP Box 304 Denver, Colorado. Also, any underground paper who is interested in more details should write us. (The recent issue of MFP described a festival to be held in Mid May.) Plans should be getting underway by anyone who is interested in being a part of this. These people should contact: The Esoteric Essence, 2431 So. University Blvd in Aspen."

FROM the NEW ENGLAND FREE PRESS, 191 Tremont St., Boston, Mass. 02118 (617) 556-9219

The New England Free Press is looking for several new staff starting noon. They need people to work in the printshop, as well as some one to do office management, fund raising, administrative stuff and the like. They've placed a couple of classified ads which read:

"The New England Free Press, the printing and publishing arm of the new left in Boston needs several fulltime staff beginning June. Subsistence wages. Long term commitment asked."

The SAN FRANCISCO GOOD TIMES will trade line for line with LNS Subscribers for the following ad: Either display or Classified. Please run "til forbid."

Get ordained Universal Life Church, Free, 1766 Poland Road, Modesto, Calif. 95351. Get 4-D draft deferment, half fare travel, send name and address to above. Recommended by The San Francisco Good Times/Church of the Times.

THE BLACK LIBERATOR wishes to exchange papers. Write to: 75 East 35th Street, Chicago, Ill. 60616

FROM COUNTERPOINT, Stevens Pt., Wisc. (PO BOX 396)

"COUNTERPOINT is under attack. Two issues ago we used the word 'motherfucker' in a headline. Since our paper is sold mainly on the campus of Wisconsin State University, the school president blew his cool when he saw the word. Faculty members work on the paper so he is trying to get them. Seven faculty members have received letters of censure from the president. These letters plus copies of the offending issue have been placed in files in the president's office. This is a little surprising since no one knew that any such files existed. Moreover, the only sales outlet off campus for the paper, the Greyhound Bus Station, has been ordered to stop selling the paper. The order came from the district supervisor's office. How they found out we can only guess. Six of the seven faculty (now known as the Stevens Point Seven) will be up for tenure next year and the betting is that they won't get it. By the way, the president also went to the local DA and tried to get him to bust the paper for obscenity. The DA refused. So even in the academic world which is filled with liberals who preach academic freedom, oppression of the free press is the order of the day."

People should get their ideas together about the media conference this summer and make suggestions. Spring's here and summer's almost here. LET'S GET TOGETHER.

END OF RMBB

THE GRUBBAG: PUERTO RICO

by Ita Jones

LIBERATION News Service

In his memoirs, C. Columbus writes about the time he told Queen Isabella about discovering Puerto Rico (1493). When she asked him to describe the island, he took a piece of paper and crumbled it, then spreading it out, said, "That's it."

Puerto Rico isn't talked about much. "West Side Story" reminds us - oh yes - there are a lot of Puerto Ricans in New York. Also (oddly enough) the rich are sometimes known to take winter vacations in that poor country. Now it turns out that I'm actually in New York -- and beginning to realize that Puerto Rico is in really bad shape, or so much of its population wouldn't be living here.

True, they tend to go back and forth, between this and their country--apparently unable to decide which is worse. But New York is a large dirty city after all, with one million people (that is, 10 per cent of its population) on welfare. Here there is a bitter winter, and Puerto Ricans too must stand squashed in the roaring subways. One begins to wonder what happened to this sunny island to drive so many people away.

According to J. de Castro (The Geography of Hunger), "When the United States took over possession of Puerto Rico in 1898, following the victory over Spain, it found a population which, if not exactly swimming in wealth and abundance, was far from the misery and hunger it suffers in our times."

Until we occupied Puerto Rico, 75 per cent of the island's usable land was divided into small lots averaging 12 acres. "The U.S. Military Census Commission reported in 1899, immediately after the occupation, that this general ownership of farms has unquestionably had a great influence in producing the contented condition of the people of this island, as contrasted with the restlessness of Cuba, where a large portion of the cultivated area was in the hands of comparatively few landlords."

The people of Puerto Rico grew what they needed to eat and produced sugar on the side to export. By U.S. decision, these farms now fell into the control of a few (absentee) owners, whose interests certainly did not lie with the fate of the Puerto Ricans. The interests of this small group can be likened to that of a hand closing around a succulent sponge.

Every inch of land suitable to growing sugar cane was to have exactly that on it. Lands not usable this way, Americans decided to use for growing tobacco and coffee--also export items. The island was essentially converted to supplying the U.S. market.

"Prevented from producing the food she needs and forced by customs restrictions to import it from the most expensive source in the world (60% from U.S.), Puerto Rico has been dragged into the labyrinth of dead-end economy."

Consequently, the population is starving. There are serious deficiencies of proteins, mineral salts, and vitamins (due to a steady diet of corn and rice) and just about all the signs of malnutrition can be seen. Since the American occupation the population of Puerto Rico has doubled--and that's in spite of the huge infant mortality rate.

I suppose there must be very fancy beaches on which Americans can drink and fuck without having to see the wretched who live in Puerto Rico. I suppose the Americans think they've done a lot for the place -- hotels, roads, the showpiece that is San Juan. And I suppose that the Puerto Ricans are glad that the Americans are there to help them -- at least we can be sure a few of them are.

The Puerto Ricans come to America because they think they'll find a better life, evidently thinking that what is taken from their country and other colonies, is shared equally here.

When Columbus crumbled his piece of paper he was creating a visual aid for the Queen, who was supposed to realize the island was mountainous. Today, U.S. imperialism has crumpled Puerto Rico again -- and it can only be hoped that the

people there are looking at Cuba.

PUERTO RICAN
YAM CURRY

1. Cook a couple pounds of fresh yams or sweet potatoes in lots of boiling water until "just tender." Drain, peel, and cut into cubes or slices.

2. In a saucepan heat 1/4 cup butter or margarine; in it saute 1 chopped onion til golden. Stir in 1 tsp. curry powder, 1 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper, 3/4 cup chicken broth (can be made from a boullion cube) and 1 tblsp. lime juice. Bring this mixture to a boil, keep stirring, and add the yams. Simmer covered, about 5 minutes. Makes 6 servings as a vegetable.

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AD HOC COMMITTEE OF LAWYERS FOR JUSTICE:
"WHERE TYRANNY IS LAW, REVOLUTION IS ORDER"

by Sheila Golden

LIBERATION News Service

NEW YORK (LNS) -- The scene of the action was the New York Criminal Court Building at 100 Center Street, where less than three weeks before over a thousand outraged students and members of the black community demonstrated against the jailing of 21 Black Panthers.

This time it was lawyers themselves on the picket line, protesting not only the nation-wide campaign to destroy the Black Panther Party, but also the perversion of the legal system generally.

The theme of the demonstration, carried on simultaneously by more than a 100 law students in front of the U.S. Court House and New York Supreme Court in nearby Foley Square, was "Confront the Courts for Criminal Justice."

For the first time in memory, it was not merely a few of the countless victims of the legal system, but those responsible for applying and upholding the law who were accusing the courts of failure to live up to its promise that every man would be treated equally under the law.

It was a quiet and rather dignified demonstration, and not confrontation politics, although the choice of the previously sacrosanct courts in downtown Manhattan, (Only a few blocks from the heart of America's corporate and legal establishment), was potentially a very dramatic one.

Demonstrating lawyers carried signs in support of 10 demands:

1. "End preventative detention and excessive bail. (The unrestrained power to deny a man his liberty pending trial would be granted through preventative detention.)"

2. "Jury trials where the punishment is one day or more." Jury trials are granted in Civil Court for disputes over \$500, but denied in Criminal Court for cases with punishments of 6 months.

3. "Representative Juries (The systematic exclusion from grand jury service of the non-white, the poor and the young, creates juries that represent a class of citizens that cannot relate to other groups.)"

4. "Penal Reform"

5. "Abolish Victimless Crimes" --i.e., abortion, homosexuality, possession of narcotics.

6. "Eliminate Judicial Incompetence" -- i.e. an end to judges who are political appointees.

7. "Adequate Legal Services Controlled by the Poor."

8. "Civilian Control of Police"

9. "End the Activities of the Character Committees which deny attorneys political freedom."

10. "End Legal Exploitation of the Poor (Examples abound of the duality of our system, where power is rewarded and justice is denied to the powerless poor. It must be changed to grant fairness to the oppressed of our country...however empty their pockets.)"

The tone of the demonstration was not particularly militant (when some of the lawyers began chanting "No more Panthers in Jail! Off the Pigs!")

they evoked numbers of embarrassed smiles from other demonstrators), but the lawyers' demands were specific, detailed, and personally verifiable by nearly every one of those who demonstrated and later spoke.

Many of the lawyers doubted that such demands could ever be implemented, so long as the U.S. was ruled in the interests of a corporate elite, but they felt that the mere presentation of the demands was a first step in exposing the hypocrisy of American Justice.

This sense of a radical change growing from within the profession gave immeasurably more momentum to the rally at Foley Square, where the 100 lawyers later joined approximately the same number of law students, as speaker after speaker stressed the duty of lawyers -- as lawyers -- to change the corrupt system by opposing it if necessary.

Juan-Maria Bras of the MPI (Movimiento Puertorriqueno de la Independencia) said: "When law goes one way and morality another, it is the duty of lawyers to go with the true law, the law of morality."

Arthur Kinoy of Rutgers Law School quoted Chaires Sumner (who opposed the Fugitive Slave Law): "All that I am or may be, I freely offer to the cause." There is nothing more fitting for an American lawyer today."

Similarly, Lewis Oliver of the Committee of Lawyers for the Indigent, who protested the lack of jury trials for offenses receiving sentences of less than six months: "We are here to demonstrate our concern at what happens at 100 Center Street because we work there."

Florence Kennedy, a well-known black lawyer, warned the lawyers of the possible consequences of repressive courts: "When they [the courts] wipe out the Black Panther Party, you'd better have non-inflammable suburbs. The second oldest profession better get off its arse and start wearing asbestos pants" (Mrs. Kennedy also warned them about the unreliability of the mass media -- and sure enough, the event was blacked-out by the city's two dailies.)

But it was William Kunstler, prominent Movement lawyer, who returned to the main

theme of the day:

"As long as we get up in courts and defend people, and manage to stay out of jail, we serve a valuable function... Every time you face a judge, you are confronting the establishment... Lawyers must be part of the Movement, people who will stand with their clients, have a final belief in them, be able to plead for those whom the system feels threatened by..."

Spectators outside the courthouse heard Kunstler sum up the mood and purpose of the demonstration. Gesturing to the motto on the courthouse, he said:

"Equal justice under the law is a lie. We lawyers who believe in that have to stand together to make it come true."

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!! SPRING MOBILIZATION !!

COLUMBUS, Ohio (LNS) -- The traditional ROTC Corps Day will be the scene of a mass, anti-ROTC demonstration May 8, on the Ohio State University campus, largest ROTC establishment in the country.

Planned by local political groups as a non-sectarian radical action, invited participants include Allen Ginsberg, Bernadine Dohrn, and Jerry Rubin. Janis Joplin, and assorted rock groups, will be there.

Movement people who can be in Columbus on May 8 to give mass support to counter-Corps Day war games, should plan to arrive Wednesday night. For Housing or other information, call the Columbus Switchboard (614)294-6378, or come to the OSU Oval at 8:30 a.m. Thursday.

Sponsors of the action suggest that helmets could be a suitable precaution for the day's activities. They hope to make this the last year ROTC will turn out at OSU for their May rituals.

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ON AGITATION

"Some critics mistake the function of agitation. A toothache is agitation. Is a toothache a good thing? No. Is it therefore useless? No. It is supremely useful, for it tells the body of decay and death. Without it the body would suffer unknowingly. It would think: All is well, when lo! the danger lurks." W.E.B. DuBois, 1910.

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THE TRAIN

On 12 June 1967, North Korean militants
attacked a train of their country
men carrying with war material recently
received from China in Choonsung County, Kangwon
Province, according to the Korean Central News
Agency. The train was derailed and overturned
and the locomotive and several cars on the rails
were destroyed.

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...and members of the White House staff say that the government's recent reports showing hunger in various parts of the country only say that more a question of "dietary deficiency" and are currently considering a program to help the poor on what is best to eat."

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BETTER CALL "WOULD BE

CHERRY, 1968. Dr. J. V. Walker, a local biologist, has urged scientists to develop a hormone to delay sexual maturity of young salmon so they can stay in college and could earn their living.

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and they don't want us to be "very happy" and
they don't want us to be latent. The aim of the
police is to keep young people from being
latent and to keep them from being

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WE SHOULD FIND GOD

NSA -- President Nixon
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LA GUERRE EST FINIE, GERMAN-STYLE

BONN (LNS) -- Germans who fought for Gen. Franco in the Spanish Civil War are eligible for German federal compensation, while those who fought against him are not.

The German Federal Labor Ministry has ruled that the case of Gerhard Schmarander, who fought for the Spanish Republicans from 1937 to 1939 (after imprisonment by the Nazis), is not covered by West German regulations concerning compensation.

In contrast, Germans who fought in the Fascist Condor Legion have been eligible for compensation since 1954. For, as the Federal Labor Ministry points out: "Members of the Condor Legion were German soldiers who, although volunteers, were fighting in Spain at the wish of the German military leadership. The Spanish Civil War served as a testing ground for the fighting ability of German troops and for war material with regard to the forthcoming Second World War."

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DIRTY MOVIES ARE A NO-NO,
MRS. REAGAN SAYS

SAN FRANCISCO (LNS) -- Mrs. Nancy Reagan, wife of the California governor, says opponents of "pornography" should not indulge themselves out of curiosity. She said that too many people who protest pornography go right ahead and see dirty movies or buy see-through blouses.

But curiosity-seeking seems to be a trend. Mrs. Reagan says that pornography is "what's most on people's mind." She said, "The women who complain of the rise of obscenity then sometimes go on to tell me that 'just out of curiosity' they saw some sensational film."

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ADVICE ON HOW TO BE HEARD

"You have to shoot somebody, burn yourself alive, do something violent, in order to get any attention at all, however good your cause or causes, however patient you have been, however well you have put your case. There is an absolute stone wall of indifference. All over the world."

-Arnold Toynbee, historian

THE PAGEANT PLAYERS:

TALES FROM THE GUERRILLA THEATER

by Arlene Brown

LIBERATION News Service

NEW YORK (LNS) -- We're writing this article on our tour to help our brothers and sisters who want to start guerrilla theater groups of their own, so that they can learn from our experiences-- successes and failures.

The Pageant Players is a radical street theater in New York. We've been going for three and a half years now, performing in parks, in the streets, schools, churches, sit-ins, and laundromats of our communities.

We went on a 3 week tour starting February 8, and played colleges and universities, except for one gig at the Caravan Theater in Boston. We played middle, lower-middle class State Universities, upper class private colleges, big schools, little schools, girls schools, boys schools, co-ed schools.

And we learned all over again. School is a prison. It fucks the mind into endless academic questionings with no solutions for life in sight. It destroys the free spirit. The content is bullshit. The forms are bullshit. The kids are oppressed. Many know it. Many don't. But even the ones that don't know it were hungry for what we had to say.

We found a tremendous openness and curiosity towards us -- what we looked like, how we lived, what we had to say--in the plays and after the plays. We learned from the kids, they learned from us. It seems what we had to offer more than anything else was an alternative way of living and being--looking as freaky as you want, living simply and poorly, doing something you like not for money, functioning in some sort of communal set up, and just having fun at what you do... all the things the universities do not stand for.

The students live under the dismal pressures of competition against each other, competition for grades, for the good job and money. Our plays, disruptive actions and conversations with students were all geared to showing the bullshit of that way of existing. And they were open to us

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because our plays are good. Our techniques are good. They respected the voice with which we spoke. Good plays make good politics. Bad art doesn't convince anybody.

We did "Cornflakes," "Dreams" and Music in the evenings. "Cornflakes," a 50 minute play, is about a New York musician who tries to get work doing what he likes to do--play his horn. The play, through different episodes, shows how the guy gets totally fucked by the system he's trying to make it in. The message: Fuck the System that Screws you up. "Dreams" is an improvisational play--people from the audience tell their dreams, visions, hallucinations; we act them out. Music. We make music before the shows, after the shows--music for everyone to make, music to dance to, music to freak out to. Music is a big part of our thing. We're always playing or singing something--in the streets, school cafeterias, during dean's speeches, etc. Everyone digs music. It sets up good vibrations.

The responses to our plays varied from polite toleration at a couple of schools, like Vassar and Keuka, to total freak out at places like Harpur, New Paltz and Albany State. At Harpur, kids stripped and burned draft cards after Cornflakes. Everywhere we felt great energies that would come out in the dancing afterwards, and in the afternoon workshops we ran, energies waiting to be used to do groovy things.

We had acting workshops in the afternoon, in which the final exercise was for the whole workshop to divide up into smaller groups and make their own play right then, about whatever they wanted--short 5 minute plays that they would then do in the cafeterias at meal times to advertise the Pageant Players evening performance.

We would do the plays without anyone's permission. Don't let the flunkies who guard the cafeterias stop you. They're always too intimidated to do anything. And anyway, this is one of the ways they keep the students prisoners.

The plays were usually very good--at Albany State the kids just used a couple of sentences like "Why are you here? Why are we here" and went around to tables saying it in people's faces. Very effective. At Vassar the girls made up a short funny play about women's liberation and another good play about the bullshit in the classroom. We were shown over and over again, something we have always believed strongly--that everyone is a creative person. There is no such thing as The Creative Person, as the Channel 13 program tells us. Everyone is creative. Everyone has something to express. It's just a matter of bringing it out in all of us.

In case the school hasn't done enough advance advertising, which is often the case, these cafeteria performances, going around to classrooms during the day, or anything else you do, will create a sizable audience (besides being fun). Everybody gets interested in the hippy freaks from New York (or wherever they are from) that have been running around all day.

The only way you get good advance advertising is to send your own posters in advance for them to put up--that helps. SDS and straight groups like Student Councils, were often negligent in publicity and finding good performing spaces. I dig SDS. I think they've done great things, but they fucked us over in a few places. They've got to get their heads together so that they can put up a few lousy posters.

MONEY situation: Get paid in advance. It's easy to get burned if they pay after, especially when they don't like what you've done--too radical, too dirty, etc. They'll start using all kinds of excuses for not paying you--unforeseen expenses, damages to a cigarette lighter, etc.etc. If you're performing at a low fee, for SDS, which can't get money from the administration, arrange to take a collection from the audience--a noble tradition.

Disruptive guerilla actions became a big part of the work on tour. Disrupting a faculty meeting at Keuka College, disrupting President Plaimpton speaking to students at Amherst,

disrupting classrooms, etc. Each action had basically the same two-fold purpose: to advertise our evening performance and to interrupt the bullshit of the moment, whether it be the President's speech, or a class in Western Thought.

We did these actions with no hostility towards the students. Successful disruption is when you don't alienate the kids you want to reach, but manage to point out to them the bullshit of what you are interrupting, the bullshit they are participating in. And pointing it out is sometimes just the act of being irreverent to something they've been taught to value, like a College President. It will make some students angry--we try and rap with them. They are our potential brothers and sisters and we have to get them to fight the man.

At Amherst College all the dishes have as their design pictures of Lord Amherst killing Indians--which he did, in real life, by smallpox infestation. During one meal we started singing very loudly, with guitar accompaniment, "Have you looked at the pictures on your dishes?" We rified until we got to "Break the dishes." Which we did, and some students joined us. The action worked because we were so obviously correct to break those ugly genocide dishes. Although our action was violent, it was done with a sense of humor too -- we had a ball. But most important, it prompted political discussions all over the cafeteria.

We were able to get away with a lot of shit. The mood is changing now on the campuses; the administrations are getting uptight. Guerilla activities may be harder to do, with worse consequences. I still believe you can get away with a lot on campus, and anyway it's got to be done.

We had a pretty easy time of it--in general--with the straight world. The vibrations were good among ourselves, we were having fun with a minimum of paranoia, we were feeling good towards other people--and it made people respond to us similarly. This is something that someone from a group called Mothers Grits told me -- that if there is good feeling and love between the members of your group, it can hool hostility very often. And that worked even in small towns in

Texas. I'm sure that some busts and fights will come inevitably. But you can avoid certain hassles, and create certain moods. When our heads are together we're a powerful force. And when we argue over petty shit and ego trips we're lost.

Maybe the grooviest scene was at Marist Catholic College. We came into a situation of extreme hostility--just the way we looked freaked them out. We did a performance in the cafeteria at lunchtime, with jeering and hooting from the guys--which started arguments among themselves whether we should be allowed to do this, and how they should behave. We rapped with them, and the hostility became curiosity. Hundreds of them stood and watched us all afternoon in this lounge as we slept, ate, talked, sewed, made music. By evening, half of the school's population of 1,300 showed up for the show--and dug it. It was very warm and enthusiastic--something really happened there. Now they want to have the Sixth Street Theater there, another guerilla group.

But at places like Vassar, it was like nothing happened, even though the afternoon workshop was good. It was all very polite, but distant. We should have done more to make them angry. At first I got the feeling that they wouldn't get angry no matter what we did because they're too sophisticated, because one is not supposed to get angry when one is in a certain class, one is supposed to come and watch the THEATER. (By the way, everyone talks in a whisper at Vassar--it made me a nervous wreck.)

I know our play put them uptight--"Cornflakes" is about a person without money and his struggles, and those girls have plenty of money. I feel now we should have pushed it more because if you get to talking some nitty-gritty stuff with them, like giving up daddy's money and stop helping to maintain a rotten system, I'm sure that would have made them angry and more actively uptight. It would have been much more of an honest confrontation. We were too polite also.

Aside from a couple of downs like Vassar and Keuka, I must say we were a smash hit. We turned people on--and they turned us on. Who else is going to say what we say--CBS, the New York Times, the Village Voice or any other establishment media?

For more information about the Pageant Players, or advice, call 982-8703 or 982-9185, in New York. See you in the streets and parks. We're not performing on Saturday nights for a while, and we don't have a home. The cops occupied our last place of work--the Courthouse on 2nd St. and 2nd Ave. Right now we're fighting to get it back.

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STUDENTS UPSET BUSINESSMEN

NEW YORK (LNS) -- America's corporate elite is becoming increasingly aware that they, and not the college deans, are the ultimate targets of campus radicals. A four-page report in the current Business Week states that university conflict is hitting the businessman not only in his role as alumnus, trustee, or community leader. He has also been facing trouble as a recruiter of new talent for management ranks. As an industrial employer, he worries about reports that SDS plans a summer "work-in" to radicalize his plant force.

What has made the situation particularly poignant for these gentlemen is that America's premier schools (i.e. where their kids go) have joined the militant ranks. The businessman, "and even his principles are coming under fire... more and more from Harvard to Stanford..."-- a great distance geographically, but a rather confined space, sociologically. Business Week painfully reported that at Stanford last week, U.S. marshalls had to cart away classified material from the university's Applied Electronic Laboratory for safekeeping after a 9-day sit-in.

Commenting on the rash of student uprisings, the president of Scientific Data Systems, Inc., remarked: "It certainly bodes ill for industrial discipline. If this kind of irrationality spreads to industry, it would be disastrous."

A Cleveland businessman declared: "The main problem is that too damned many kids are going to college these days. In years past, these kids left high school and went into the Army or to apprentice butcher's school or something. Now they go to college. It's little wonder they want to burn the place down."

Under the headline: "Will SDS Crash Plant Gate?" Business Week reported that the Illinois Manufacturers' Association recently sent its members a special bulletin alerting them to SDS plans for "a summer work-in."

"The Students for a Democratic Society is apparently preparing to try to branch out into manufacturing plants," the association warned. "Employers should be alert to the problems posed by this program, and should make plans as to the best manner of handling suspected trouble-makers."

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NOT A GERM, NOT A BOMB, WHAT COULD IT BE?

NEW YORK (LNS) -- The Wall Street Journal recently reported that high American officials have indicated that the U.S. has introduced a new secret "action" into the war against the Vietnamese. Nixon warned of possible retaliation after the Communist attacks on Saigon and other cities; a key aide now says action was taken-- so vigorous that "the Reds are fully convinced we're no paper tiger."

Some insiders deride this tale, calling it as fictional as the "progress" of the Paris talks. But others confirm the story.

"Right now it would be against the national interest to describe this action," says one. "It wasn't just a threat, and it wasn't more of the usual shooting in the bushes," adds another. "If you'll jot down 600 of the wildest ideas you can imagine, it might be number 324. I'll just tell you we didn't plant explosives in Ho Chi Minh's palace or put germs on his toilet seat."

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A BUM CHECK

"The black immigrant in Britain is like a man holding a check issued long ago which he considered his insurance against poverty--but when he tried to cash it, he found the issuing company had gone bankrupt and the building had been torn down, and people try to beat him for coming into the neighborhood."

-Mrs. Maryiyan Harris, India-born Londoner

ROTC ISSUE: CAMPUS BATTLEGROUND

by Sheila Ryan

LIBERATION News Service

The nation's campuses have become a battleground for a war between the U.S. Army and the radical students over the issue of ROTC. The radicals seem to be winning.

The Army's offensives are quiet; the students occupy buildings and call strikes. But the Army is determined to put up a fight, since ROTC is a prime source of officers for Vietnam: although only 5% of eligible college students are enrolled in ROTC, 45% of all active duty officers, 65% of all first lieutenants, and 85% of second lieutenants were trained in ROTC units, according to a memorandum by Col. Robert H. Pell, head of ROTC at Harvard.

Even before the current spring offensive against ROTC, the Pentagon was searching for students who would defend the Army on the campus. Brigadier General Clifford P. Hannum, Deputy Director of Individual Training for ROTC in the Department of the Army, and a member of the National Advisory Board of the Pershing Rifles (an elite, fraternal ROTC organization) urged Pershing Rifle commanders to "Get out and join the fray," and to "present the other side to radical opposition to ROTC." He urged a propaganda program to counterbalance the "illogical rhetoric and play on words that various campus subversive groups use to draw a following."

The Pershing Rifles quickly organized a program to "concentrate the leadership of pro-ROTC sentiment on one level," according to Major Kent Cockson, the Pershing Rifle National Information Officer,

The program seems to have become snarled up in military red-tape before ever getting off the ground, though. The Pershing Riflemen are still following their original orders from National Headquarters; gather information on campus subversive groups by sending in "news clippings, neatly trimmed and pasted on 8 1/2 x 11 sheets of white paper". (The "subversive groups" mentioned in that official order were SDS and the Black Panther Party, but National Commander

William Krondak told LNS, "We definitely regard all people who are trying to abolish ROTC, or take credit away, as subversive.")

The most recent sign that the Pentagon is taking a firm stand in defense of ROTC came from a statement by Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird, April 29. "We are prepared to see changes which would improve this program at individual schools," Laird said. "We are not prepared to see the ROTC program degraded in any way." ("Improvements" might include the teaching of world history in ROTC courses by regular faculty members instead of ROTC instructors, and possible reduction in drill time.)

The "degradation" of ROTC to which Laird referred is the denial of academic credit. Academic credit is important to the Army symbolically. Major William F. Muhlenfeld, writing in Army Magazine, explained that "A principal value of academic credit is that it serves as tangible testimony of the program's worth in the eyes of the institution, and it is that stamp of approval which must pervade the spirit of the relationship as well as its letter."

Even though it is true that academic credit has surprisingly little connection with ROTC enrollment, it is equally true that a program without it is likely to subsist on the fringe of the academic community, held in contempt by some, ignored by many, and with small voice in the institutional affairs which are its legitimate concern.

"This is an ignominious situation which places the Army in the position of grovelling for officers, an unworthy role which it ought not countenance."

But despite the high stake it had in ROTC programs, the Air Force has recently been forced to withdraw ROTC from 8 schools: Boston University, Butler University, Capital University, Grinnell College, Illinois Institute of Technology, Kenyon College, Lawrence University, the University of Wisconsin at Appleton, and Tufts University. The Air Force claimed that the withdrawal was caused not by anti-war protest, but by a lack of student interest: the campuses had not generated the requisite 10 officers a year.

The Air Force's insistence that the radical

struggle against ROTC had nothing to do with its retreat from 8 campuses is belied by the facts. At Boston University, for example, SDS recently seized two buildings to bring the issue of ROTC to the attention of the campus. At Tufts, 200 students demonstrated against ROTC, and the faculty voted 2-1 to abolish military training by 1973.

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Next September, no credit will be given for ROTC at Johns Hopkins. The University of St. Louis has conferred no academic credit for ROTC since December. The student government at the University of Pennsylvania voted to abolish academic credit for ROTC, only to have their action vetoed by the University President.

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Enrollment in ROTC programs has fallen from 159,849 five years ago, to 150,982. The number of schools with compulsory ROTC has dropped 132 to 95.

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[Please note the following changes in Sheila Golden's story on the Law Day lawyers' demonstration, which starts on Page 10.]

- 1) OMIT THE LAST FOUR PARAGRAPHS OF THE STORY.
- 2) PLACE THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS AT THE END:

The radicalization of lawyers seems to be following a pattern: the very depth of their commitment to the Movement requires that lawyers work within the system, not as accomplices but as its skilled opponents. The legal system is a key tool of the Establishment -- giving it the official right to destroy its enemies with no questions asked.

The role of a radical lawyer is to use legal proceedings to immobilize that tool, to play the game of the courts long enough to help the Movement survive until the time when it will no longer be necessary to play the game.

As William Kunstler, attorney for H. Rap Brown, the Panther 21, and many others, said:

"Every time a lawyer faces a judge on the bench, he confronts the Establishment... As long as we can keep radical leaders alive, out of jail, and on the streets, we serve a valuable function."

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[Note: IF YOU ARE USING THE LAW DEMONSTRATION STORY, PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO MAKE THIS CORRECTION. THANK YOU.]

WAR DEATH STATISTICS QUESTIONED

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) -- A Senator charged recently that the Pentagon is hiding the truth about Vietnam War casualties by passing off many combat deaths as "incidental" or "accidental."

Senator Stephen Young of Ohio said that many of the approximately 6,000 deaths in Vietnam described as accidental or incidental were actual combat losses, AP reported.

He gave a specific example of a boy who the Defense Department said had died from sun stroke.

"He was a farm boy who had worked in the field and his family just didn't believe sun stroke killed him," the Senator said. "I checked into it and the Pentagon reported his face and body were reddened by the sun while he waited three hours to be evacuated because he had three bullet holes in him. And they call that an incident death!"

Young said that concealing the true number of battle fatalities "is a clumsy effort to deceive the public about casualties in this most unpopular and undeclared war. The number of combat killed and wounded have become so great -- only the world wars were more deadly in recent history -- they are trying to hide it."

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"OBEDIENCE TO THE LAW IS FREEDOM"

-Sign in front of the Fort Dix Stockade.

NEW JERSEY FORD WILDCAT STRIKE

CONTINUES

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MAHWAH, N.J. (LNS) -- As the wildcat strike led by black workers at Ford's huge assembly plant in Mahwah, New Jersey goes into its second week, the situation at the plant seems to have reached a temporary stalemate.

Production, which was shut down during the night shift on April 25 and 28, is now going ahead, but at a severely reduced rate (between forty and forty-five cars an hour, against a regular rate of fifty-six.) It seems unlikely that the United Black Brothers of Mahwah, who are leading the strike, will be able to pull out enough more workers to effect this in the next few days. But the management is also in a bind.

For it has become clear that the UBB has a good deal of reserve support among workers who have not joined in the strike action itself. The workers at Mahwah are not happy with conditions at the plant. (They complain that the line is often speeded up past the fifty-six cars an hour specified by the contract, to as high as sixty-two; and the union local as a whole overwhelmingly rejected the contract which the national union agreed to when last negotiating with Ford.) It only takes one day of leafletting by the plant entrance, getting waves and clenched fist salutes from the passing cars, to realize that a lot of the people who are going in are in sympathy with the strikers.

This leaves the management in a quandary as to how to avoid moves which would push these people into an active role. At present, they seem to be proceeding on the theory that no action may be the best action, hoping that as time goes on, the workers will begin to feel the pinch economically and come back of their own accord.

After firing two leaders of the strike, Monroe Head and Wilbur Haddock, they have officially renounced any further repression along these lines. Clearly, they fear that

more firings would only serve to bring more workers out in protest. At the same time, they took a first step to conciliate the strikers and announced the transfer of Ray Eskew, a supervisor at the plant.

Eskew's racist abuse of a black worker had been the incident which initially provoked the strike. On April 23, states the first strike leaflet put out by the UBB, "One of the newly hired brothers went into the body-shop office to find out where to work for the night. Ray Eskew, the supervisor, told him he had no business in the office and used abusive language to the worker. The brother told Eskew that he was just there to get his assignment; then he told Eskew, 'Don't talk to me like an animal.' Eskew ended up by saying, 'Get out of here, you're fired, you black motherfucker.'"

In removing Eskew from the plant, the bosses granted one of the four demands around which the strike was initially called (four more demands have been added since that time.) But the UBB have pledged themselves not to go back to work until all the other demands, and the amnesty demand in particular, have been accepted. And since the management gives no sign of being prepared to grant the others, which would among other things give the UBB recognition as negotiating agent for the black workers in place of the do-nothing UAW leadership, the stalemate continues.

While the delay may thin the ranks of the strikers, there is also a possibility that it may work to their advantage. Certainly, it is not clear that the management can win merely by sitting on its hands. For one thing, many of the workers who did not join the strike initially, may be encouraged to move if the UBB stands firm (unlike the regular union) and if they see that the management is not anxious to crack down and provoke a real showdown.

An added threat to the management comes from the political alliance which the UBB has

formed with outside groups, primarily SDS and the Black Panthers. As well as joining the workers in picketing and leafletting the plant, outside people have initiated support actions in the community.

Already, informational pickets have hit major Ford showrooms in New York City, Newark, and other cities in the area with signs and leaflets, proclaiming that "Ford Has a Racist Idea" and explaining the situation at Mahwah. This is the kind of publicity that Ford would like to avoid, particularly since it has stimulated support from various liberal groups of the NAACP variety. And plans are being made to extend such actions at least through all New Jersey and New York State.

So the situation remains volatile. The racist oppression of black workers has created a solidarity among them that could cripple the operation if fully provoked (blacks do most of the more difficult work in the plant, body shop work in particular, and make up 70% of the night shift while only 30% of the day shift.) And many of the white workers, recognizing this at the same time that they resent the failure of the official union to act on their own grievances, both respect and sympathize with the strike.

Meanwhile, white radicals like myself, operating in an area of which they have always dreamed but have little or no experience, are hard put to assess the real possibilities. It's hard to avoid getting stoned on enthusiasm after hearing a black worker explain that "You see, man, the bosses, they use racism to keep us down -- I mean all of us, dig, black and white -- by keeping us divided."

But surely there seem to be grounds for enthusiasm. Already the strike has gained a great deal, both in organizing the workers within the plant in a political fashion, and in forging alliances which hopefully will be maintained even after the strike is over. And the strike continues.

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DE GAULLE'S FALL

PARIS (LNS) -- De Gaulle's recent fall from glory may have come just in time for him to keep his image as an anti-American.

A report in the leftwing magazine *Nouvel Observateur* revealed that three Dutch scientists have discovered a new process for producing enriched uranium called "ultra-centrifugation." It would reduce the cost by 40% of production, and would break the American monopoly in the strategic metal.

Britain and West Germany greedily ran after the Dutch process. But De Gaulle would not countenance such deep going economic cooperation with a Europe which he did not lead. Instead, he decided to make up with the United States, and get a piece of the American uranium action.

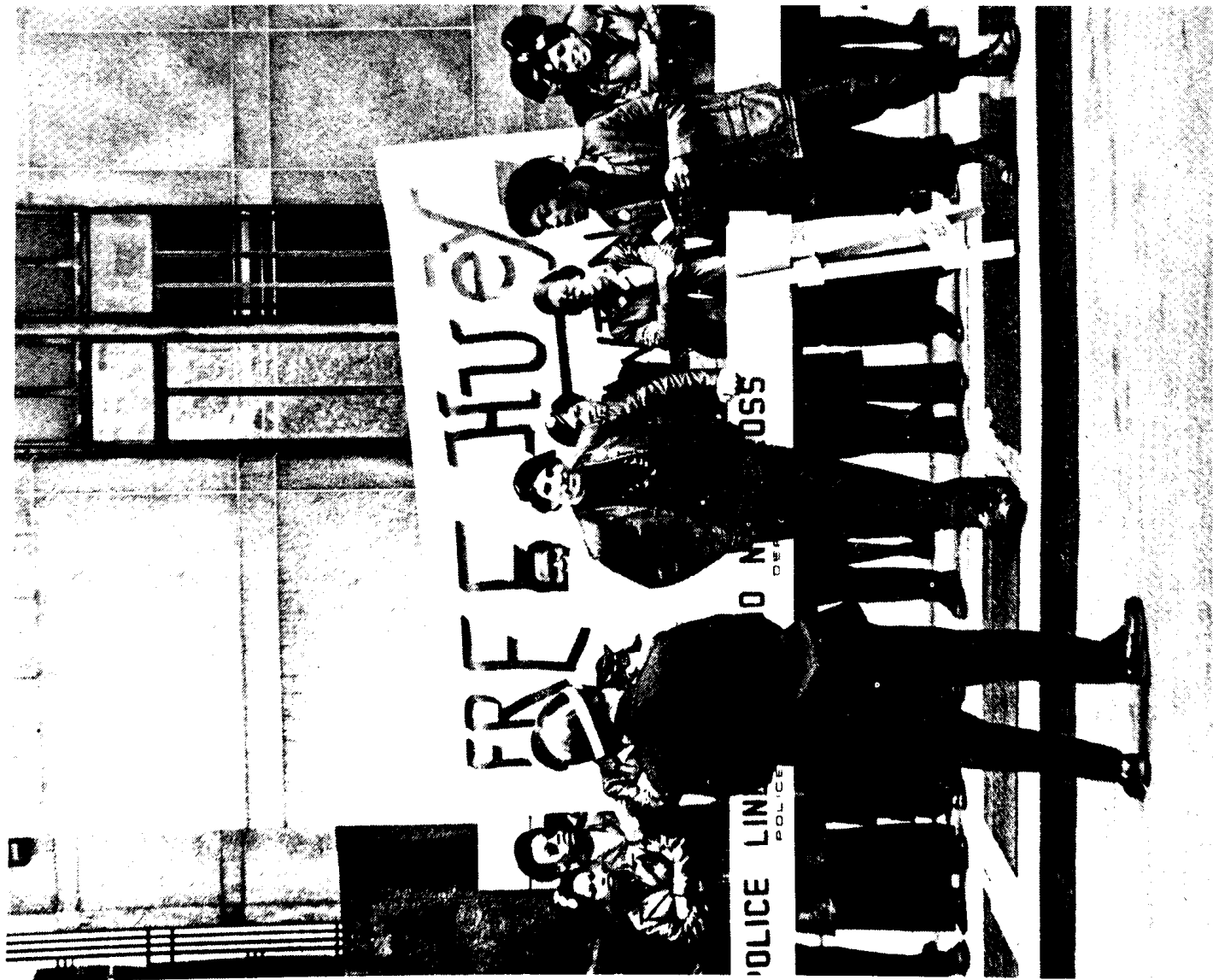
But other matters cropped up for le Grand Charles, and he ultimately lost his job as well as his uranium deal with the Americans - who probably regretted his demise as much as De Gaulle himself. A top advisor of President Nixon said, "What we like about De Gaulle is that he's like big businessmen in America; he puts realism before principles."

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IF ONLY THEY'D FIND GOD

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) -- President Nixon wants young Americans to find God again. The President, who has been holding Sunday church services in the White House, thinks that it is unfortunate that young people have abandoned religion to the "old folks." He said he hoped his Sunday services would set an example.

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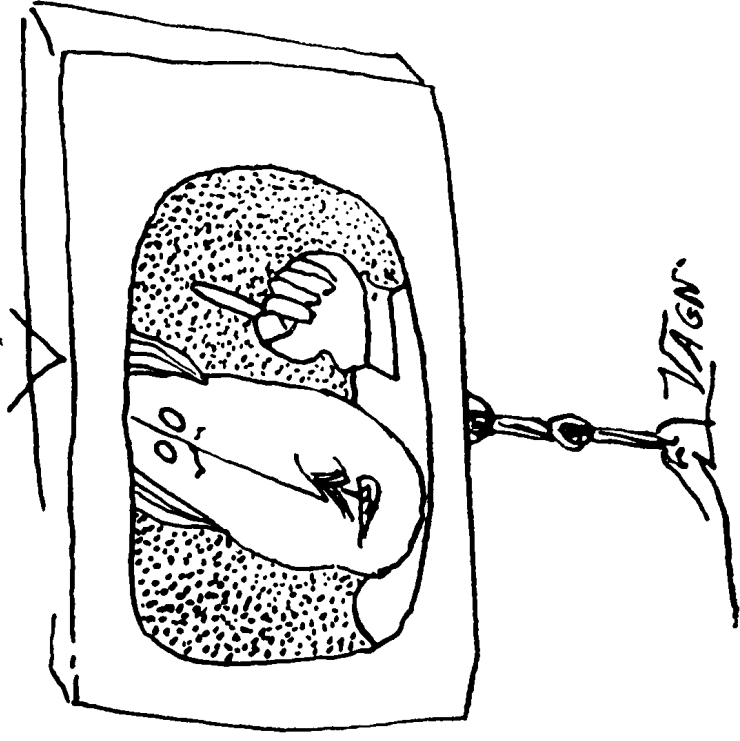
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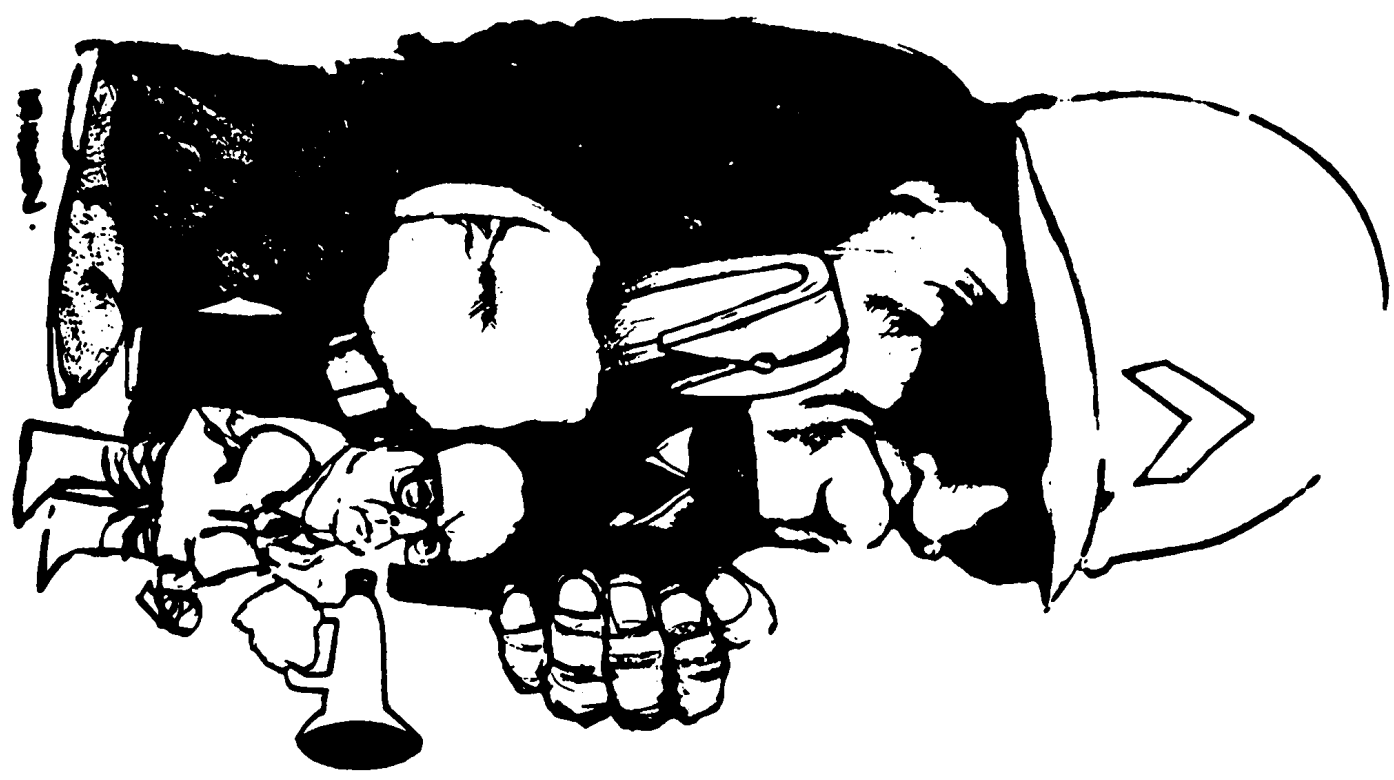
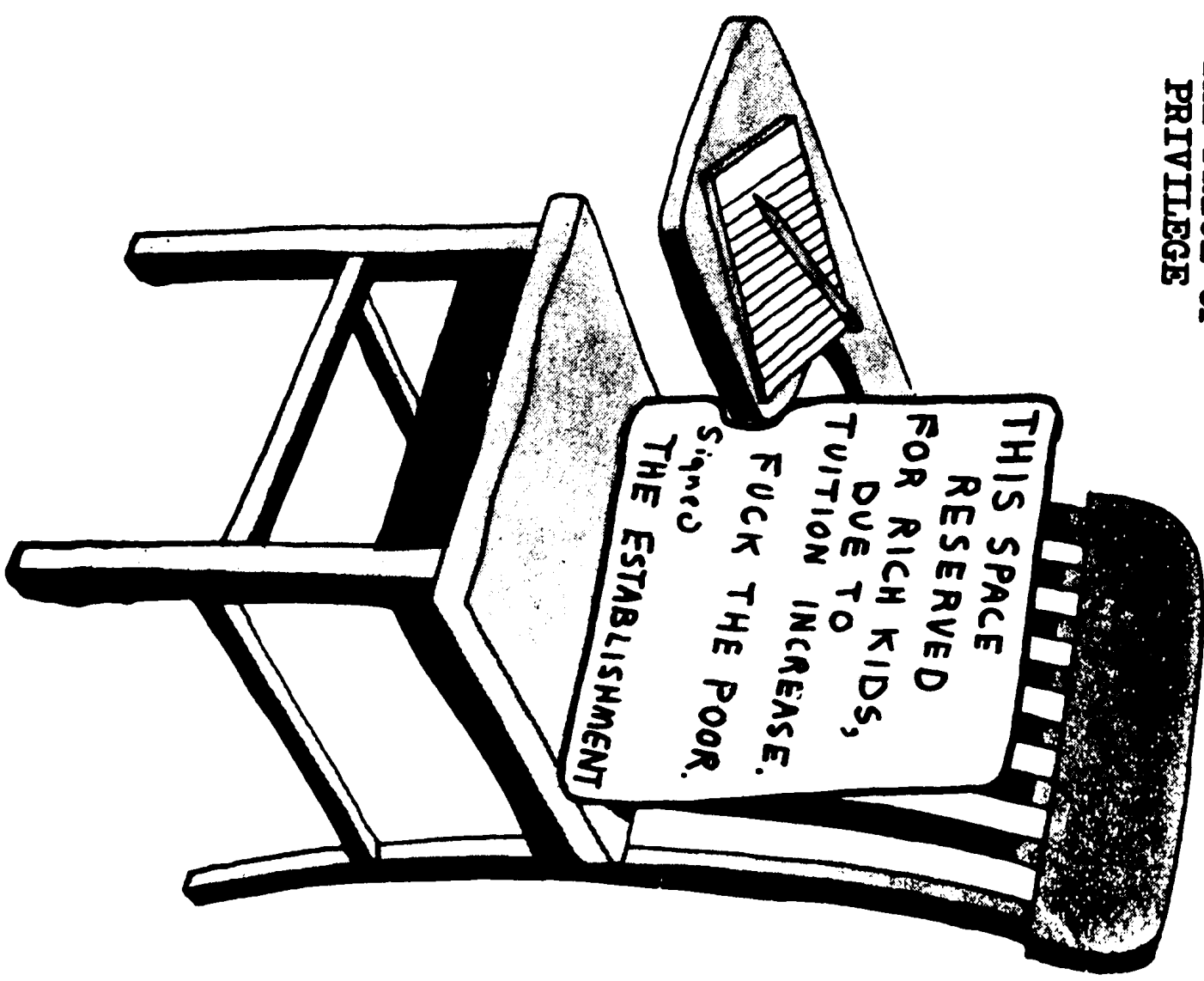
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UNIVERSITY PARK IN CLEAR LAKE CITY—The University of Houston begins work next year on its \$3 million Clear Lake City Center to answer the academic needs of this burgeoning scientific community.

If any further proof were needed concerning what the modern American university is all about, this ad in a recent issue of Business Week should provide it. There it is in the caption: "...to answer the academic needs of this burgeoning scientific community." In this case, the community is the whole complex of aero-space firms that have sprung up around NASA's Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, Texas--including the Boeing Company, Brown & Root-Northrup, ITT/Federal Electric, Lockheed, North American-Rockwell and Philco-Ford.

The University of Houston's new Clear Lake City Center will take its place alongside MIT, Stanford, and other members of the university-military-industrial complex.

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